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**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Missouri orders new measures to prevent spread of Bridgeton Landfill fire** - 8/17/15 - Missouri regulators are ordering the owner of the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill to add more safeguards and develop a backup plan to prevent the spread of an underground fire past existing defenses. [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/dnr-orders-new-measures-to-prevent-spread-of-bridgeton-landfill/article\\_60ba06ba-beaf-51a1-84dd-a8a597d1f058.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/dnr-orders-new-measures-to-prevent-spread-of-bridgeton-landfill/article_60ba06ba-beaf-51a1-84dd-a8a597d1f058.html)

**KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Missouri DNR says fire moving closer to radioactive waste** (video) - 8/17/15 - An underground fire in a St. Louis County landfill may be moving closer to radioactive waste buried nearby. That's according to a new report from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/08/17/missouri-dnr-underground-fire/31888281/>

**KWMU St. Louis Public Radio - State regulators demand new measures to contain landfill fire in Bridgeton** - 8/17/15 - Missouri environmental officials are ordering the owner of a landfill in Bridgeton do more to prevent a smoldering subsurface fire there from spreading. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources wants to keep the underground reaction from coming into contact with radioactive waste stored nearby. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/state-regulators-demand-new-measures-contain-landfill-fire-bridgeton>

**Missourinet - Missouri opponent of EPA's power plant rule says the fight is growing** - 8/17/15 - There's an ongoing battle by the National Rural Electric Coop Association in Washington D.C. on the EPA's new power plant rule. Don McQuitty of Missouri sits on the Association's board and it opposes the regulations, which aims to reduce power plant emissions nationwide 30% by 2030. <http://www.missourinet.com/2015/08/17/missouri-opponent-of-epas-power-plant-rule-says-the-fight-is-growing/>

**KNOP Ch. 2 North Platte, Neb. - New EPA Regulations Will Increase Power Rates** - 8/17/15 - The Clean Power Plan is a plan that has power companies very concerned. They say this is not going to be a cheap endeavor and their customer could be feeling the pain in their electric bills. <http://www.knopnews2.com/home/headlines/New-EPA-Regulations-Will-Increase-Power-Rates-322098292.html>

**Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald - UNL researchers say common pollutant can lead to radioactivity in drinking water** - 8/18/15 - A common agricultural pollutant can cause a chain reaction in aquifers that frees up naturally occurring uranium and creates the potential for increased radioactivity in drinking water and some crops, according to new research. [http://www.omaha.com/news/nation/unl-researchers-say-common-pollutant-can-lead-to-radioactivity-in/article\\_0f79b07a-e729-52df-82bf-082c3d733a32.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/nation/unl-researchers-say-common-pollutant-can-lead-to-radioactivity-in/article_0f79b07a-e729-52df-82bf-082c3d733a32.html)

**McCook (Neb.) Gazette - Study: Two major aquifers contaminated with natural uranium - 8/18/15 -** Nearly 2 million people throughout the Great Plains and California live above aquifer sites contaminated with natural uranium that is mobilized by human-contributed nitrate, according to a study from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. <http://www.mccookgazette.com/story/2222642.html>

**UPI - Natural uranium found in two major U.S. aquifers - 8/17/15 -** Nearly two million people in the United States live above an aquifer contaminated by natural uranium. According to new groundwater survey, aquifers flowing under the Great Plains and California's Central Valley feature significant uranium levels fueled by fertilizer runoff and animal waste. [http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2015/08/17/Natural-uranium-found-in-two-major-US-aquifers/9411439830940/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2015/08/17/Natural-uranium-found-in-two-major-US-aquifers/9411439830940/)

**KETV Ch. 7 Omaha - Study: Link between high nitrate levels, uranium contamination in Ogallala Aquifer - 8/17/15 -** A new study shows a link between high nitrate levels and uranium contamination in the Ogallala Aquifer, which runs through most of Nebraska. <http://www.ketv.com/news/study-link-between-high-nitrate-levels-uranium-contamination-in-ogallala-aquifer/34769282>

**Sioux City (Iowa) Journal - Iowa DNR alleges former Sioux City wastewater employees tampered with samples - 8/18/15 -** State officials say two former Sioux City employees tampered with samples at the city's wastewater treatment plant and will lose their state certification. [http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/iowa-dnr-alleges-former-sioux-city-wastewater-employees-tampered-with/article\\_f306af2b-e0be-5aa6-9011-3b035332c80f.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/iowa-dnr-alleges-former-sioux-city-wastewater-employees-tampered-with/article_f306af2b-e0be-5aa6-9011-3b035332c80f.html)

**KTIV Ch. 4 Sioux City, Iowa - Iowa DNR: Consequences for two former Sioux City wastewater plant employees after investigation - 8/17/15 -** State officials confirm to KTIV Monday that they plan to take enforcement action against two former Sioux City wastewater treatment plant employees. The action follows an ongoing investigation by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency into releases from the plant. <http://www.ktiv.com/story/29807751/2015/08/17/iowa-dnr-plans-to-impose-consequences-for-two-former-sioux-city-wastewater-plant-employees>

**KOAM Ch. 7 Joplin/Pittsburg - Pittsburg Given Time to Cut Phosphorus Levels - 8/17/15 -** The Kansas Department of Health and Environment says the city of Pittsburg is causing heightened levels of phosphorus in Cow Creek. But due to what the city claims is unreliable data, Pittsburg has 13 years before having to lower those levels. <http://www.koamtv.com/story/29808256/pittsburg-given-time-to-cut-phosphorus-levels>

**Omaha World-Herald - Midlands Voices: Keep Renewable Fuel Standard going strong for state - 8/17/15 -** The RFS has supported our community in Nebraska for the last 10 years. Let's make sure it continues to do so for the next seven years and finally give consumers a better choice of fuel at the

pump. [http://www.omaha.com/opinion/midlands-voices-keep-renewable-fuel-standard-going-strong-for-state/article\\_7876963f-2926-5f57-b9e5-8f2205452a7b.html](http://www.omaha.com/opinion/midlands-voices-keep-renewable-fuel-standard-going-strong-for-state/article_7876963f-2926-5f57-b9e5-8f2205452a7b.html)

**KMA Radio, Shenandoah, Iowa - Ethanol success watered down by EPA Efforts to hobble RFS - 8/17/15** - The federal government and the mainstream media missed a huge opportunity recently by ignoring the tenth anniversary of the Renewable Fuels Standard, which has proven to be one of the most successful government energy initiatives ever. [http://www.kmaland.com/ag/ethanol-success-watered-down-by-epa-efforts-to-hobble-rfs/article\\_af202ad0-44e1-11e5-93aa-fba2d77718f4.html](http://www.kmaland.com/ag/ethanol-success-watered-down-by-epa-efforts-to-hobble-rfs/article_af202ad0-44e1-11e5-93aa-fba2d77718f4.html)

**Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star - Letter: Protect biofuel industry - 8/18/15** - The EPA should reinstate strong renewable fuel volumes that reflect the original intent of the RFS when it was approved in 2005 with strong, bipartisan support. [http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letter-protect-biofuel-industry/article\\_e2d075b8-53f6-514a-84ab-93641eb826be.html](http://journalstar.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letter-protect-biofuel-industry/article_e2d075b8-53f6-514a-84ab-93641eb826be.html)

**High Plains Journal (Hays, Kan.) - Nebraska and Iowa governors announce American Ethanol pump labeling initiative - 8/17/15** - Governors of the nation's top two ethanol-producing states jointly announced the launch of a statewide pump labeling initiative to promote the American Ethanol brand. [http://www.hpj.com/general/nebraska-and-iowa-governors-announce-american-ethanol-pump-labeling-initiative/article\\_12650886-6614-57b3-9c3d-548907674ea2.html](http://www.hpj.com/general/nebraska-and-iowa-governors-announce-american-ethanol-pump-labeling-initiative/article_12650886-6614-57b3-9c3d-548907674ea2.html)

**American Iron Magazine - Motorcycle Killer? Stop The E15 Misinformation: Get Access To Safe Fuel - 8/17/15** - Preventing inadvertent misfuelings has been one of the AMA's top priorities, because motorcycles and ATVs are not designed to run on ethanol blends higher than 10 percent, and many older machines favored by vintage enthusiasts have problems with any ethanol at all in the fuel. <http://www.aimag.com/2015/08/motorcycle-killer-stop-the-e15-misinformation-protect-your-access-to-safe-fuel/>

**Beatrice (Neb.) Daily Sun - Contamination cleanup moving to phase 2 - 8/17/15** - For over seven years the city, Centel and EPA have been studying the area and ground of the property. Centel and EPA have been studying the area and ground of the property during that time. [http://beatricedailysun.com/news/contamination-cleanup-moving-to-phase/article\\_b6d5f0c9-1d77-542b-896f-5a79276b1126.html](http://beatricedailysun.com/news/contamination-cleanup-moving-to-phase/article_b6d5f0c9-1d77-542b-896f-5a79276b1126.html)

**Radio Iowa - Hot weather and rain causes spike in algae on lakes - 8/17/15** - The coordinator of the state beach testing program for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Mary Skopec, says they've seen a spike in blue-green algae in recent tests. She says it continues a trend they've seen through this summer. <http://www.radioiowa.com/2015/08/17/hot-weather-and-rain-causes-spike-in-algae-on-lakes/>

**Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star - Wind turbines either a saving grace or a nuisance, depending on**

**your view** - 8/18/15 - Depending on which side of a wind turbine one stands, the rhythmic swoosh of its blades sounds like emissions-free clean energy, a pay day or a paradise-despoiling annoyance. [http://journalstar.com/news/local/wind-turbines-either-a-saving-grace-or-a-nuisance-depending/article\\_17e6c5b0-4aee-5f07-bee2-e7bf88d2ab04.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/wind-turbines-either-a-saving-grace-or-a-nuisance-depending/article_17e6c5b0-4aee-5f07-bee2-e7bf88d2ab04.html)

## **Gold King Mine**

**Colorado Public Radio - The Gold King Mine: From An 1887 Claim, Private Profits And Social Costs** - When 3 million gallons of contaminated water blew out of an abandoned gold mine in the San Juan Mountains on Aug. 5 and made its way down Cement Creek into the Animas River, the news put communities in four states on alert. <http://www.cpr.org/news/story/gold-king-mine-1887-claim-private-profits-and-social-costs>

**Farmington (N.M.) Daily-Times - Editorial: Change needed to prevent toxic mine spills** - 8/17/15 - Nonetheless, EPA is not the only entity with culpability. Miners operate under an archaic mining law that was meant to encourage westward expansion. The only thing that's clear at this point is that — if nothing changes — we will see more plumes of toxic mine waste flowing through our rivers. [http://www.daily-times.com/farmington-opinion/ci\\_28654601/editorial-change-needed-prevent-toxic-mine-spills](http://www.daily-times.com/farmington-opinion/ci_28654601/editorial-change-needed-prevent-toxic-mine-spills)

**The Hill - EPA inspector general begins investigation into mine spill** - 8/17/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General (OIG) said Monday it will begin investigation the Aug. 5 incident that sent 3 million gallons of toxic sludge into Colorado's Animas River. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/251325-epa-inspector-general-begins-investigation-into-mine-spill>

**Associated Press - EPA Watchdog Investigating Toxic Mine Spill in Colorado** - 8/17/15 - The inspector general for the Environmental Protection Agency is investigating the cause of a massive spill from an abandoned Colorado gold mine that unleashed 3 million gallons of contaminated wastewater into rivers that supply water to at least three states. <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/epa-watchdog-investigating-toxic-mine-spill-colorado-33140205>

**Washington Examiner - Resentment mounts in Navajo Nation on EPA neglect over toxic spill** - 8/17/15 - Native-Americans of the Navajo Nation resent the neglect of the EPA. The Navajo depend on the San Juan for watering livestock, crops, and human consumption, but the waters remain polluted at the hands of the United States EPA. <http://www.examiner.com/article/resentment-mounts-navajo-nation-on-epa-neglect-over-toxic-spill>

**Durango (Colo.) Herald - In spill's wake, Tipton, GOP plan probe of EPA** - 8/17/15 - On Monday, U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton, R-Cortez, told The Durango Herald's editorial board that he and other House

Republicans are planning to launch congressional investigations into the EPA's handling of the spill.  
<http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20150817/NEWS01/150819674>